Extension of service of the President of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal

1988. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Bombay have been given extension if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what are the reasons for not appointing Vice-Presidents before giving extension to the incumbent President; and

(c) whether such extension has affected reputation of the Tribunal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. The President has been given extension due to administrative exigencies.

(b) Out of three posts of Vice-Presidents, two are vacant. Steps have been taken to fill up these vacancies and to appoint the serving Vice-President as Senior Vice-President.

(c) No, Sir.

Complaints received against the Members of the Central Council of ICWAI

1989. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the members of the Central Council of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India;

(b) whether any complaint against the office bearers and the members of the Central Council were received and if so, when and what are the details of these complaints;

(c) whether these complaints have been investigated, if so, by whom and what are the findings thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the persons involved have misappropriated the funds of the institute through fake travels and other activities; and

(e) if so, whether any enquiry is proposed to be conducted in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The details of Members of present Central Council of ICWAI are given in the statement. (See below).

(b) Three Complaints were received by the ICWAI as under:—

(i) One Complaint was received by December 1991 in respect of Shri C. Ramaswamy, a Government nominee regarding his frequent visits to Madras on the expense of the Institute to attend the meetings of the Institute alleged to have not been actually held there.

(ii) Another complaint was received in November, 1992 regarding visit of Shri J. K. Puri, a Central Council member and Shri D. C. Bajaj, a Northern India regional Council Member of I.C.W.A.I. to U.S.A. at the expensec of the Institute.

(iii) Third complaint was received in June, 1992 regarding maintenance of a separate Bank account by the Northern India Regional Council of I.C.W.A.I.

(c) Yes. These complaints have been enquired into by the Institute and the findings are as under:—

As regards the complaint (b) (i), regarding visits to Madras by one Central Council Member at Institute expenses, no irregularities were found. The said Central Council Member was nominated to the Council by the Centdal Government in October 1990 and from October, 1990 to December 1992, the Institute had held 14 Council meetings on different dates at different places. He attended 10 Council meetings during this period which included one at Madras on 23rd August, 1992. Being the Member of the Central Council, he was also a member of different committees of the Council and he attended seven meetings at Madras on different dates during this